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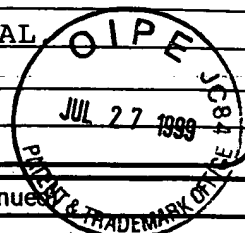
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Patent fees are subject to annual revision on October 1.
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See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.27 and 1.28.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 569.00

Complete if Known

Application Number
Filing Date
First Named Inventor KIMLE, ET AL
Examiner Name
Group / Art Unit
Attorney Docket No. P03566US0



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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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101 790	201 395	Utility filing fee	380.00
106 330	206 165	Design filing fee	
107 540	207 270	Plant filing fee	
108 790	208 395	Reissue filing fee	
114 150	214 75	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$) 380.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
28	20** = 8	9.00	72.00
Independent Claims	6 - 3** = 3	39.00	117.00
Multiple Dependent			

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 22	203 11	Claims in excess of 20
102 82	202 41	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270	204 135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 82	209 41	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 22	210 11	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 400	216 200	Extension for reply within second month	
117 950	217 475	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,510	218 755	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 2,060	228 1,030	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 310	219 155	Notice of Appeal	
120 310	220 155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 270	221 135	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,320	241 660	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,320	242 660	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 450	243 225	Design issue fee	
144 670	244 335	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126 240	126 240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 790	246 395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149 790	249 395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	

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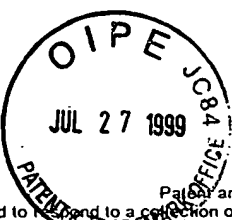
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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <small>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b))</small>	Attorney/Agent No.	P03566US0
	First Inventor or Application Identifier	KEVIN L. KIMLE
	Title	METHOD FOR ELECTRONICALLY INITIATING AND
	Express Mail Label No.	INITIATING AND MANAGING AGRICULTURAL

APPLICATION ELEMENTS <small>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.</small>	ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) <small>(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)</small>	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)		
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification <small>[Total Pages 36]</small> <small>(preferred arrangement set forth below)</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Descriptive title of the invention- Cross References to Related Applications- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D- Reference to Microfiche Appendix- Background of the invention- Brief Summary of the invention- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)- Detailed Description- Claim(s)- Abstract of the Disclosure	7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission <small>(if applicable, all necessary)</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Copyb. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statement verifying identity of above copies		
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) <small>[Total Sheets 29]</small>	ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS		
4. Oath or Declaration <small>[Total Pages 1]</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy)b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)) <small>(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)</small> <small>[Note Box 5 below]</small><ul style="list-style-type: none">i. <input type="checkbox"/> DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).	8. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))		
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.	9. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney <small>(when there is an assignee)</small>		
	10. <input type="checkbox"/> English Translation Document (if applicable)		
	11. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS/PTO-1449) <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS Citations		
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17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Divisional <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: 60,090,198 Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group / Art Unit: _____			
18. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS			
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07/19/99

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

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☐ insufficient.

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☐ 2. The following additional claims fees are due:

\$ _____ for _____ total claims over 20.

\$ _____ for _____ independent claims over 3.

\$ _____ for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

☒ 3. The oath or declaration:

- ☒ is missing or unsigned.
☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

☐ 7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

☐ 8. The application was filed in a language other than English.

Applicant must file a verified English translation of the application, the \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).

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PATENT

Attorney Docket: P03566US0

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Kevin L. Kimle et al.
SERIAL NO: 09/335,648
FILED: 06/18/99
TITLE: METHOD FOR ELECTRONICALLY INITIATING AND
MANAGING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CONTRACTS

COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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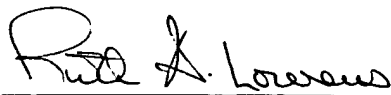
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Attached is a statement that the "attached" specification is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the PTO to obtain the filing date.

Also attached is the required fee of \$65.00 for a small entity to cover the late filing of original declaration under

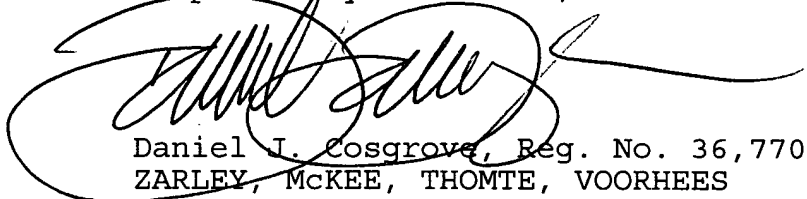
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Ruth A. Lourens

as shown in my files to be the papers filed in respect to the above identified application and have compared them to the papers attached to the declaration of Kevin L. Kimle, et al. for METHOD FOR ELECTRONICALLY INITIATING AND MANAGING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CONTRACTS which accompanies this statement and I declare that these papers attached to the declaration are a copy of the specification and any amendment thereto which I filed in the PTO in order to obtain a filing date for this application by mailing to the PTO by Express Mail bearing Mailing Label Number EL325950680US on June 18, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel J. Cosgrove', is written over the typed name and firm name.

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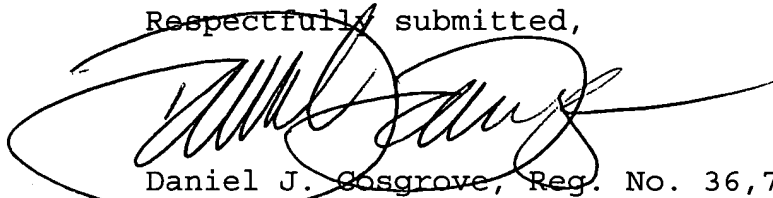
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Respectfully submitted,



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CONTINUING DATA AS CLAIMED BY APPLICANT-
PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO. 60/090,198 06/22/98

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TITLE
METHOD FOR ELECTRONICALLY INITIATING AND MANAGING AGRICULTURAL
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PRELIMINARY CLASS: 705

DATA ENTRY BY: TUTT, TONDENICA TEAM: 01 DATE: 07/13/99

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